



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMARY

AUGUST 17, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Danny Adkins, Casey Allen, Deanna Ashby, Doug Bennett, Robin Cochran, Thom Cochran, Kay Dixon, Cornelius Faulkner, Scott Hawkins, Sandford Holbrook, Mark Kopp, Mike Lafavers, Kyle Lively, Danny Osborne, Marty Pollio, Wayne Roberts, David Rust, Greg Schultz, Tres Settle, Jay Simmons, Robb Smith, Kelly Sprinkles, Henry Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Robbins

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Department for Public Health Update

Presenter: Steven Stack, commissioner, Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH)

Summary of Discussion:

Dr. Stack shared information with superintendents concerning COVID-19 testing and reporting. He explained how difficult it is to track and share testing data with so many different variables. Superintendents have been urged to work closely with their local health departments while dealing with COVID-19 and planning around returning to school. The governor's recent recommendation that schools delay face-to-face classes until late September has parents asking questions that aren't easily answered. Districts are concerned with numbers in their specific areas of the state and why they can't have those figures. The districts want something to try to communicate to their communities/stakeholders. The information presented was valuable and appreciated. Superintendents expressed a need for some way to share Dr. Stack's presentation with their communities.

Agenda item: Orientation and Targeted Services Guidance

Presenters: Kelly Foster, associate commissioner, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

Gretta Hylton, associate commissioner, KDE Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Summary of Discussion:

The DPH and KDE worked together to create expectations for when small groups of students are brought back into buildings during non-traditional instruction (NTI). Whenever possible, virtual meetings and activities are still encouraged. The importance of thinking out what is best and safest for all students when it is necessary for them to come into the building was stressed. All of

the safety guidelines from mask wearing to social distancing must be followed. Only 15% of the student building capacity may be allowed in the building at one time. This 15% must be in groups of nine students and one teacher. The COVID-19 Considerations for Reopening Schools: Welcoming Students for Orientation and Targeted Services guidance stresses the details noted above.

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Participation Tracking in Infinite Campus

Presenters: Caryn Davidson, academic program consultant, KDE Office of Teaching and Learning

Josh Whitlow, academic program, consultant, KDE Office of Finance and Operations

Windy Newton, office data manager, KDE Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

COVID-19 Considerations for Reopening Schools: 2020-2021 Participation Tracking in Infinite Campus guidance was presented regarding course-tracking. Student attendance data will not be used to determine funding for this school year due to COVID-19, but participation needs to be tracked and will be reported on the KDE website and to the Legislative Research Commission. Districts have been questioning how to set up courses in Infinite Campus to track participation and the [2020-2021 Participation Tracking in Infinite Campus document](#) was reviewed to explain how to set up blended, virtual, and performance-based courses.